

## Substantive Changes in State Plan

This State plan is submitted as a “new” plan for purposes of renewing the state’s eligibility for federal funding under part A, Title IV, of the Social Security Act. Substantive changes to the prior State TANF plan are identified below.

1. *Change from Separate State Program to Segregated State Program:* Effective October 2006 FIP for Battered Aliens and FIP for Two-Parent Families changed from being separate state programs to segregated state programs.
2. *Change in Administration of FaDSS Supportive Services Program:* Effective July 2007 the Iowa Department of Human Rights became a sub grantee responsible for administrating the Family Development and Self-Sufficiency Program through Legislative action. A Table of Organization for the Department of Human Rights is attached.
3. *Elimination of TANF funded Family Planning Services:* Effective July 2007 Family Planning Services are funded through a Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
4. *Increase in Earned Income Disregard:* Effective August 1, 2007, the earned income disregard for the Family Investment Program (FIP) was increased from 50% to 58%.
5. Updates the structure of the Department from two to a single Deputy Director. New Table of Organization in effect January 2007 is attached.
6. Updates *Coordination with Medicaid, Food Stamps and other Programs* effective January 2007 with the following changes:
  - Changes determination for FIP eligibility from retrospective to prospective budgeting aligning with Food Assistance and Family Medical Assistance (FMAP) programs.
  - Aligns the list of changes participants are required to report for FIP with Food Assistance and FMAP programs.
  - Aligns how changed income that is timely acted upon by the local office and does not affect eligibility for FIP with Food Assistance and FMAP programs.
  - When a participant timely reports a change in income and the change is acted timely upon by the local office, and the change does not affect eligibility for FIP, but the change is delayed until the second calendar month due to timely notice requirements, the month after the month of the change is no longer subject to recoupment.

- The period of ineligibility due to a lump sum was changed from:
    - Considering a nonrecurring lump sum as unearned income in the budget month received and counting in computing eligibility and benefits for the payment month to:
    - Begin counting the lump sum as unearned income in computing eligibility and benefits in the month it was received to align with the Food Assistance and FMAP programs.
  - Use of a combined Public Assistance Eligibility Report/Food Assistance Interim Report for the months in which both are required.
  - Allowing for the substitution of a telephone rather than a face-to-face interview at the time of reapplication or review.
7. Clarifies that PROMISE JOBS program services provide work and training services for people participating in both FIP and FIP for two-parents cash assistance programs.
  8. Clarifies that PROMISE JOBS Expense Allowances are provided to persons participating in FIP, FIP for two-parents, FIP for Battered Aliens, and excluded parents.
  9. Lists PROMISE JOBS services for excluded parents and Battered Aliens as SSP and separately from PROMISE JOBS services for FIP and FIP for two-parent families.
  10. Effective February 1, 2008, Iowa implemented a new Separate State Program that provides Iowa Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) refunds to needy families effective with tax year 2007. Eligibility for the state EITC is based on eligibility for the federal EITC. Eligibility criteria, including income limits, are that used for the federal EITC for families in any given year.
  11. Updates effective dates for Iowa's TANF State Plan submitted on December 21, 2007, to October 1, 2007 and for the amendment referenced in #10 submitted on April 16, 2008, to February 1, 2008.
  12. Clarifies that persons receiving post-FIP FaDSS services are deemed eligible based on meeting the State's income and resource criteria applicable to their receipt of FIP cash assistance.
  13. Clarifies that in order to be eligible for diversion, a person must be otherwise eligible for FIP. The designated income limits are the same as for FIP.
  14. Effective January 1, 2009, exempts census earnings received by temporary workers from the Bureau of Census regardless of the period of census.
  15. Effective February 1, 2009, eliminates reference to the obsolete combined Public Assistance Eligibility Report/Food Assistance Interim Report.

16. Effective February 1, 2009, Iowa eliminates FIP quarterly reporting and implements semi-annual reporting. This change aligns FIP reporting requirements with food assistance policies.
17. Effective January 1, 2009, addition of a new TANF non-IV-A Emergency Assistance program to provide child abuse prevention and avoidance services to children who may not meet all of the IV-A Emergency Assistance guidelines.
18. Clean up language removing the bullet “protective payee” from the list of adverse actions able to be appealed. Iowa eliminated protective payees on October 14, 2005.